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1. 93RD/94TH SESSIONS PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PTC)
OF CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 6-10, 1976,
IN BRUSSELS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF V.SKALA(CZECHOSLOVAKIA),
WITH DELEGATES FROM 45 COUNTRIES AND OBSERVERS FROM CUBA,
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,AND 10 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
INCLUDING GATT,UPU,EC AND ICC.FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT
ACTIONS TAKEN ON AGENDA ITEMS.

2.PTC COMPLETED WORK ON AND WILL RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL
FOR ADOPTION TWO ADDITIONAL ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION ON THE SIMPLICATION AND HARMINIZATION OF
CUSTOMS PROCEDURES.THESE ANNEXES WERE PREPARED BY THE
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PRESESSIONAL WORKING PARTY,WHICH MET FOR TWO WEEKS

IMMEDIATELY PRECEDINT PTC MEETINGS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF D.P.BANOWETZ (USA).THE ANNEXES WERE APPROVED WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES.PROVISIONS ARE SUBSTANTIALY IN ACCORD WITH US POSITIONS,HAVING BEEN EXTENSIVELY REFRACED IN THE WORKING PARTY ON THE BASIS OF US SUGGESTIONS EXCEPT FOR NOT TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE ROLE OF AGENCIES OTHER THAN CUSTOMS IN THE EXPORT PRECEDURE.THE PTC TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE CONVENTION DEALT ONLY WITH CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AND THE CONTOLS OF OTHER AGENCIES WHEN CARRIED OUT IN CONCERT WITH CUSTOMS.OF COURSE,PARAGRAPH 3 OF BODY OF CONVENTION CONTINUES TO PROTECT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS UNDER NATIONAL LAW AND REGULATIONS OF OTHER AGENCIES.CONSIDERATION BY THE PTC OF A THIRD ANNEX PREPARED BY THE WORKING PARTY (PROCESSING FOR HOME USE)WAS DELAYED UNTIL NEXT PTC.

3.PTC CONSIDERED DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE FOR PREVENTION,INVESTIGATION AND REPRESSION OF CUSTOMS OFFENSES WHICH WAS PREPARED BY 5TH MEETING OF WORKING PARTY ON CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (SEPTEMBER 1976).PTC APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE SCOPE AND FORMAT OF THE DRAFT WHICH PROVIDES FOR A BODY OF RULES WITH SEPARATE ANNEXES ON ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES,INCLUDING A SPECIAL ANNEX ON ACTION TO PREVENT THE SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS.DECISION ON POSSIBILITY OF TWO ADDITIONAL ANNEXES ON ARMS,MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES, AND CULTURAL PROPERTY DELAYED PENDING COLLECTION OF FURTHER INFORMATION.CONVENTION REFERRED BACK TO WORKING PARTY

WHICH WILL MEET FEBRUARY 21-25,WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH US POSITIONS.

4.DIRECTOR PTC REPORTED ON TDY WORK DONE AT COUNCIL DURING SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1976 BY CHIEF,ANALYSIS BRANCH,US CUSTOMS ATKINSON ON CONCIL'S SYSTEM OF POOLING OF INFORMATION ON CUSTOMS FRAUD.ATKINSON'S REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED TO NEXT PTC FOR DISCUSSION.HOWEVER,AT REQUEST OF US DELEGATION, COUNCIL WILL BEGIN EARLY IMPLEMENTATION ATKINSON RECOMMENDATION SECRETARIAT BEGIN PRODUCING ANALYSES IMMEDIATELY AND REQUEST INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS AS NECESSARY.K

5.PTC ADOPTED AGENDA FOR MEETING CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL/
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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONTACT COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO MEET AT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS MARCH 3-4 1977.AGENDA INCLUDES ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST WHICH CUSTOMS AND US POSTAL SERVICE WISHED TO BE DISCUSSED.THESE INCLUDE ADHESIVE CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS, MANIFORPZLETS OF DOCUMENTS,AND STATEMENTS OF VALUE FOR COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS.

6.DESPITE DECISION BY NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE THAT ITS

CHEMISTS COMMITTEE WOULD NOT CONSIDER PROJECTS
PROPOSED BY PTC ON US INITIATIVE TO (1)ESTABLISH STANDARDS
FOR NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION KITS,AND (2) ESTABLISH
STANDARD METHODS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF NARCOTICS,THE PTC
DECIDED TO KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ACTION BY THE
PTC ITSELF ON THESE PROJECTS.DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE
SECRETARIAT ON THIS ITEM NOTED THAT BOTH INTERPOL AND THE UN
COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL WORK ON THESE PROJECTS.

7.OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA HANDLED ROUTINELY SUBSTANTIALY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH US POSITIONS.
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